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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Rock Run Bridge Toll House & Bridge Piers

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Stafford Road near Rock Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

—PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

☒ MUSEUM

☒ PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 627

Folio #: 39

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION
☒ EXCELLENT (tollhouse) ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☒ RUINS (piers)
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rock Run Bridge Toll House, located on Stafford Road near Rock Run, is a one-storey, two bay wide, two bay deep clapboard dwelling dating from the early 19th century. This structure, built into a natural slope of land, has a high fieldstone foundation. A brick chimney is centrally located in the wood-shingled gable roof. Beaded rake boards, plain corner boards, and a box cornice further articulate the structure.

The main two-bay (east) facade is defined by a doorway in the northern bay flanked to the south by a 6/6 sashed and louvered shuttered window. The dutch, vertical boarded door has heavy strap hinges. A shed-roofed open porch spans this front facade extending on an additional bay to the north was a 6/6 sashed window. This covered area allowed the tollman to view the canal traffic without physically leaving his station.

The south gable facade carries two 6/6 sashed and louver shuttered windows on the first storey and two nine-light, fixed-sashed windows at attic level.

In the southern bay of the west facade entrances are located at the exposed basement level and the first storey. A shed-roof hood with simple brackets shelters the first storey entrance. This doorway has been blocked off and is inaccessible from ground level.

The structure is built next to the ditch of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal and a stone causeway leading up to the bridge is on the southeast side of the structure.

Five very worn bridge piers are all that remain of the covered bridge that once spanned the River at this site. The abutment is made of fitted granite blocks, quite similar to the construction of the Canal locks. The causeway next to the Canal crossed the ditch at the tollhouse and led to the abutment.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The following information was collected by Paul Penrod in 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
21 State Circle	(301) 269-2438
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Libre Folio

GRG 627 39 In 1961, Kathryn E. Schweers, widow and tenant for life, sold two parcels of land to the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks. The first was the tollhouse plot of 0.67 acres and the second was Wood Island (including water rights), of 8.42 acres.

GRG 547 509 Kathryn E. Schweers sold the tollhouse site and Wood Island to William H. and Elsie May Schweers in 1960.

GRG 309 214 In 1947, Stanley S. Spencer sold Wood Island and the tollhouse site to Herman N. and Kathryn E. Schweers.

Wood Island

DCW 189 216 In 1924, William S. Archer sold Wood Island to Herman N. Schweers.

ALJ 71 293 In 1891, C. Graham Archer sold Wood Island to William S. Archer.

ALJ 60 409 In 1890, Henry W. Archer and others sold Wood Island to C. Graham Archer.

ALJ 38 84 Henry W. Archer, Jr., was named as a trustee after a court case involving Henry W. Archer and Thomas W. Maddock. In 1878 the trustee sold Henry W. Archer a farm adjacent to the Rock Run Mill of 132 acres. The trustees were holding the property after the death of Ann Archer, daughter of John Stump, in 1871.

HD Z 373 This property was among that conveyed to Ann Archer by Cassandra Stump, widow of John Stump, in 1817.

JLG N 376 In 1797, Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Nathaniel Giles, sold 256 acres to John Stump, Jr.

Tollhouse

DGW 208 108 In 1928, William S. Archer, executor, sold this lot to Herman N. Schweers at a public sale. Previous to this time, the property was part of the estate of Ann Archer.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rock Run Bridge Toll House and Bridge Piers

AND/OR COMMON

~~Carter~~ "Rock Run Bridge + Banking Co." - Tollhouse at Rock Run

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stafford Road near Rock Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☒ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21401

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Maryland

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DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT tollhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS piers	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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The tollhouse, which has been restored, faces the southeast. It is a one-story bevelled frame structure with a high stone foundation. The building is two bays by two, with 6 X 6 windows and nine-pane attic windows. One door is on the southeast facade, where the crossing fares were exacted, while the other is on the northeast side. A cellar door is located on the western wall, where the foundation is quite high. The roof is gable-flank, with wood shingles and underneath the eaves are original box cornices. A single brick chimney, also original, is located on the center of the roof. A four-bay porch is built along the southeastern wall, with a shed roof covering it as the board-and-batten extension. The structure is built right next to the ditch of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal and a stone causeway leading up to the bridge is on the southeast side of the structure.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.67**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The tollhouse is located on state park property near the intersection of Stafford and Rock Run Roads. The bridge piers are located just opposite of the tollhouse.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Harford
STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Cecil

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May 24, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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INVENTORY NO. 145,196

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 4/5/76

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: ROCK RUN TOLL HOUSELOCATION OF PROPERTY: ~~LOC~~ AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROCK RUN WITH STAFFORD RD.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH EASTNAME OF OWNER: MARYLAND STATE DEPT. FORESTS + PARKSADDRESS: ANNAPOLIS MD, LOCALLY SUSP. STATE PARK

STORIES: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS:

^{1 1/2}
WINGS, ADDITIONS: NONE 2 x 2

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ☒ FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
☐ BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
☐ STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
☐ LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONEFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE LATITE WORK UNDER PORCH MOISTURE USED

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

 WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[☒] 9/6[] 9/9[] other[]
 pegged[] nailed[] wide[] narrow[]
 original[] replaced[]

 ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 ON SE SIDE - TOLL TAKING SIDE - REPLACED DUTCH DOOR
1 ON NW SIDE - CELLAR, 1 ON NE SIDE 1ST FLOOR
HARDWARE: original[] replaced[☒]FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN NONECORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: BOXoriginal[☒] replaced[]ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE ☒ FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS NONEMATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[☒]PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[☒] hip[] gable[]4 DOOR WITH DORMER + BATTEN EXTENSIONCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[☒] STONE[] CORBELED[] original[☒] replaced[]LOCATION: CENTER OF ROOFARCHES: 2 ILCHCOMMENTS: BUILT RIGHT UP TO CANAL BEDS WELL AS AGAINSTCAUSEWAY TO ROCK RUN BRIDGE

INVENTORY NO. 195, 196

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 4/8/76

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: OLD ROCK RUN BRIDGE PIERS + ABUTMENTSLOCATION OF PROPERTY: JUST NORTH OF TOLL HOUSE, OFF OF STAFFORD RD.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTHEASTNAME OF OWNER: MARYLAND DEPT. OF FORESTS + PARKSADDRESS: ANNAPOLIS, M.D. LOCALLY, JOSEPH STATE PARK

STORIES: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 5' PIER REMAINS VISIBLE
TO THE ISLAND

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ABUTMENTS ARE UNMORTARED
FITTED GRANITE BLOCKS
VERY LITTLE LEFT
- CAUSEWAY
FROM ROCK RUN RD TO BRIDGE
ADJACENT TO TOLL HOUSE
ALSO OF UNMORTARED GRANITE
AND PROBABLY THE BRIDGE
SPANNED CANAL + TOW PATHS
- [] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
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ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original[] replaced[]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

original[] replaced[]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[] gable[]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK[] STONE[] CORBELED[] original[] replaced[]
LOCATION: _____

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:



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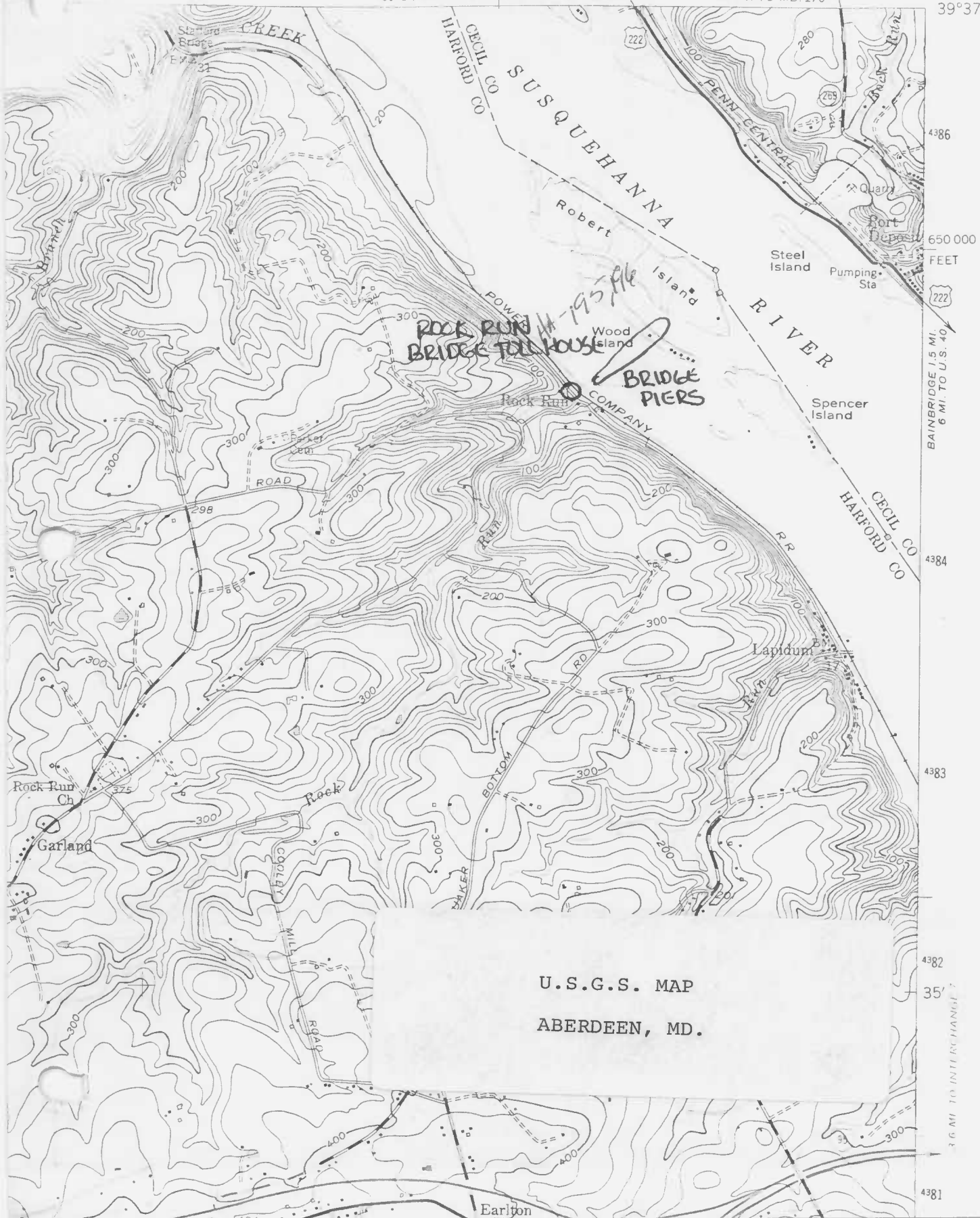
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Rock Run Toll House HA-196
Stafford Rd. near Rock Run Road
Darlington, MD
Paul Penrod 4/76
Northside



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ROCK RUN BRIDGE TOLL HOUSE

STAFFORD ROAD NEAR ROCK RUN ROAD

DARLINGTON, MD

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